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Process Used to Develop Wildland Fire Hazard Mitigation Plan

An Agreement was made between Butte County and North Wind, Inc to provide a Wildland Fire Hazard Mitigation Plan for Butte County. This plan involved the County Commissioners, Fire District Chiefs, and other local officials.

The scope of work included:

- Collecting and compiling existing fire information from County, State, and/or Federal land management agencies.
- Identify any data gaps and collect field information.
- Assess problems, needs, and potential solutions through interview with Fire District personnel as well as elected county officials.
- Assess problems, needs, and potential solutions by 1) receiving input from the general public through a minimum of three (3) public meetings.
- Create an individual Wildland Fire Hazard Mitigation Plan for Butte County by completing the following:
 - Evaluate the data and information from the Hazard Assessment

- Meet with Fire District personnel and elected officials
- Hold (3) public meetings to discuss findings from the Hazard Assessment and receive input related to mitigation planning
- The Wildland Fire Hazard Mitigation Plan will include the following items:
 - Recommended action or actions
 - Location of mitigation projects
 - Discussion of physical, biological, and social resources that may be affected
 - Alternatives that were considered
 - Time frame for implementation and priority of mitigation projects
 - Funding anticipated and potential sources
 - Implementation of the specific mitigation projects

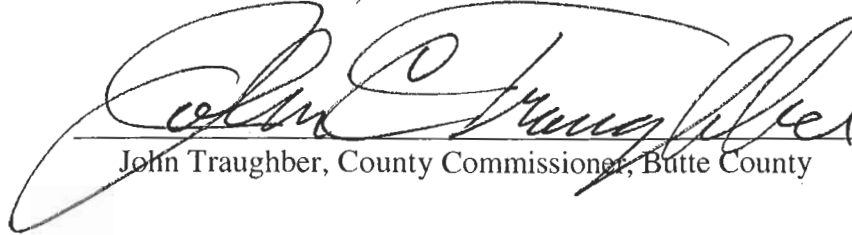
Public Involvement

A public meeting was held on June 17th at 7:00 pm in the Arco Butte Business Center to discuss the Butte County Fire Risk Assessment and Mitigation Plan. A notice for the meeting was placed in the Arco Advertiser on June 6, 2004. The Arco Advertiser is widely circulated throughout Butte County and was selected based on this. In addition to this notice, letters were sent to 17 persons including the three Butte County commissioners, the mayor of Arco, Arco city council members, the mayor of Moore, Moore city council members, Lost River Fire Protection District fire chief and chairman, Arco fire chief, and the BLM Fire Mitigation and Education Specialist. Posters highlighting the findings of the assessment and detailing specific mitigation actions were generated for the public to view and copies of the FEMA checklist for homeowners were made available.

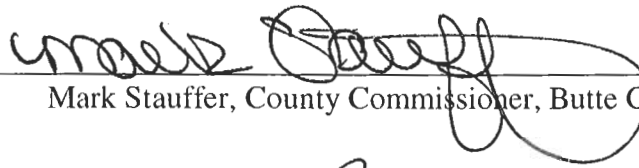
This plan has been reviewed and approved by the following individuals.




Seth Beal, Chair, County Commissioner, Butte County



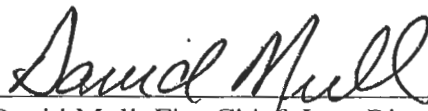
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